

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, second line from the bottom with the following:*

And in the case that coating is required which satisfies condition (ii), sealing is preferably performed to control the diameter of the micropore so that it is ~~in~~ in the desired range. Sealing process here is performed such that only the top area is sealed, and except for this top area, vacancies remain in a cross sectional thickness direction ~~or of~~ the anode oxidation coating .

*Please delete the paragraph on Page 35 between line 16 and 17 that was added in the Amendment dated April 9, 2003, with such deletion being indicated as follows:*

~~In the apparatus shown in Fig. 2, an aluminum plate W is set by winding, to a radial drum roller 12 which is positioned under an electrolyte 15 in a primary electrolysis tank 10, and then the aluminum plate W is subjected, during conveyance, to electrolysis processing by primary nodes 13a and 13b, through a slit 16. The aluminum plate W which has been processed in the primary electrolysis tank 10 is subjected to electrolysis processing in an auxiliary anode tank 20, within which an auxiliary anode 23 is positioned opposing the aluminum plate W, and to which the electrolyte 15 is supplied so that the electrolyte 15 flows through a space between the auxiliary anode 23 and the aluminum plate W and drains into an electrolyte discharge port 18.~~